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Dear Tribal Leader:

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) will be holding our 10th Annual Department Wide Tribal Budget Consultation Session (ATBCS) on Wednesday, March 12, and Thursday, March 13, 2008, in Washington, D.C.

The 10th ATBCS continues to build on our decade long tradition of Tribal consultation. This meeting provides Tribal Governments, Indian Tribal organizations, HHS leadership, and Agency representatives with an opportunity to review and discuss national health and human service funding priorities and recommendations for the Department's FY 2010 budget request.

Over the next few months we will host planning conference calls for the 10th ATBCS. These calls are designed to ensure Tribal input in the development of the 10th ATBCS agenda. Attached is a document that describes the March session and provides the planning call schedule as well as the conference call number.

Please contact Jeremy Marshall, Tribal Affairs Specialist, to confirm your participation in the consultation session or if you have any additional questions. He can be reached at (202) 690-6093, by fax at (202) 401-3702, or via e-mail at Jeremy.Marshall@hhs.gov

Thank you for your continued support and work with HHS. We look forward to your participation in the 10th ATBCS and our continued partnership.

Sincerely,

Laura Caliguri, Director
Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

Charles E. Johnson
Assistant Secretary for Resources
and Technology

Enclosure

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
10th ANNUAL NATIONAL HHS TRIBAL BUDGET CONSULTATION
SESSION
MARCH 12-13, 2008
WASHINGTON, D.C.

The Department of Health and Human Services will host the 10th Annual HHS Department Wide Tribal Budget Consultations Session for FY 2010. This year HHS will again have one 2-day Budget Consultation Session. It will take place on **March 12-13, 2008 in Washington, D.C.** The HHS Tribal Consultation Session allows Tribes the opportunity to make their views and priorities known to HHS officials on various cross-cutting issues important to Indian Country. Our partnership with Tribes is the very foundation for which consultation stems. HHS Secretary Michael Leavitt remains committed to working with Tribes on a government-to-government basis through consultation. This session is outlined in the *2007 Updated Tribal Consultation Policy* as:

National Divisional Tribal Budget Formulation and Consultation Session:

An annual, Department-wide Tribal budget formulation and consultation session that includes each Operating and Staff Division that has involvement in Tribal activities is conducted to give Indian Tribes and Tribal Organizations the opportunity to present their health and human services budget priorities and recommendations to the Department with the participation of the ICNAA to ensure priorities/recommendations are addressed. The ICNAA represents the internal HHS team providing direction across the Divisions for AI/AN/NA issues. The intent of this session is to permit Operating Divisions to consider Tribal recommendations in the development of their budget submissions to the Department, and to ensure that these priorities and recommendations are addressed to the fullest extent possible in the final HHS budget submission to OMB. In order for Divisions to receive and consider Tribal recommendations in the development of the budget request, this 2-day session is convened in February or March of each year.

Planning Conference Call Schedule

- Tuesday, **December 11, 2007 @ 3:00 PM EST**
- Tuesday, **January 8, 2008 @ 3:00 PM EST**
- Tuesday, **January 15, 2008 @ 3:00 PM EST**
- Tuesday, **January 22, 2008 @ 3:00 PM EST**
- Tuesday, **January 29, 2008 @ 3:00 PM EST**
- Tuesday, **February 5, 2008 @ 3:00 PM EST**
- Tuesday, **February 12, 2008 @ 3:00 PM EST**
- Tuesday, **February 19, 2008 @ 3:00 PM EST**
- Tuesday, **February 26, 2008 @ 3:00 PM EST**
- Friday, **March 7, 2008 @ 3:00 PM EST** (*Same week as NCAI Mid-Year Meeting*)

Conference Call Number (# is the same for every call)

Call in #: 866-654-2306

Pass Code: 6551892

For More Information

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